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DIARY NOTES

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25X1A9a 2. I learned from [REDACTED] that, as a result of a visit by John Clarke, [REDACTED] yesterday to the Procurement Division, [REDACTED] had arranged for [REDACTED] to appear before the Research and Development Review Board this afternoon to explain the status of current fiscal year procurement and the problems connected with getting all of the contracts awarded by 30 June. I talked with Marty, who said that he had 381 contracts to get across the line and that requisitions for 81 of them had not yet been received. He thought that the situation was in hand and, in fact, that he was better off this year than he had been before, but of course something could happen which would keep some of these contracts from getting across the line. Furthermore, time is getting short, and unless all requisitions are received within the next few days, the Procurement Division will have little chance to obligate the funds. I then talked to John Clarke and expressed my reservations about having Marty appear before the R & D Board, which has no responsibility for contract management. He said that he thought the situation was well in hand but that he thought this might be an opportunity to have Marty explain his problems to the principals who, coincidentally, are the customers. He agreed, however, that it might appear that we were being defensive and undertook to brief the Board himself on the status of our contracts. (This all bothers me a little bit because within the past few days Jim Garrison has assured me that the fourth quarter contracting problem was well in hand and that there really weren't any problems.)

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3. I talked with Bob Fuchs [REDACTED] about Action Memorandum No. A-386 dated 25 May. (See my Memorandum dated 1 June to Bob.)

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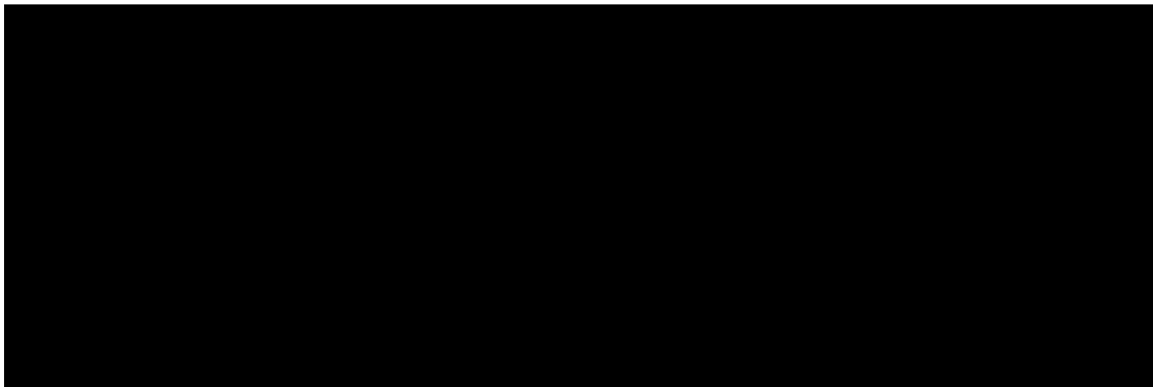
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4. I talked with Emmett Echols about a number of things.
 - a. I approved of a new recruitment brochure. Since it had already been edited by so many people, including Ray Cline, I asked Emmett to go ahead and have the galley proofs run off.
 - b. I agreed to speak to Dwight Porter, Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, about some cooperative efforts in recruiting. Emmett felt strongly that we should not participate jointly with them in active recruiting. However, he thought that it might be worth our while to look at some of their files since they have a very large number of people each year who qualify for the Foreign Service but who cannot be accepted because of limited quotas.
 - c. I asked Emmett to get on the agenda for the next Senior Staff Meeting to comment on the status of collections for the JFK Library.
 - d. Emmett reported that the plans for the barber shop were going along quite well and that he expected to have a barber shop in being not later than August or September. A part of the delay is due to the necessity of notifying Congressman Broyhill and others who have expressed an interest in soliciting bids.
 - e. We also talked about our Recreation Association membership drive, and I agreed to arrange a conference with Kirk on this.
 - f. With regard to the legalities of our overtime policy, I told Emmett that the General Counsel is still studying this problem. Emmett hoped that it would remain dormant until after Congress has passed our early retirement legislation.

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6. I talked with Bob Fuchs and [REDACTED] about the behavior of Lou [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and requested that they prepare a message to the [REDACTED] station advising them that effective 1 August we propose to replace [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] who is now in [REDACTED] would be brought home and permitted to cool off at Headquarters for a good long time before we would consider sending him out again. This action is at my direction and is really not entirely consistent with the desires of Bob and Pat, who would like to leave him in place and would hope that he will behave properly in the future. I said that I was unwilling to accept this risk because every time we have done this in the past we have regretted it and that, furthermore, I was quite concerned about the behavior, acceptance of responsibility, etc., of Finance Officers in general. Bringing [REDACTED] home should be an eye opener for any other Finance Officers who have been in the field for a long number of years and have gotten too big for their britches.

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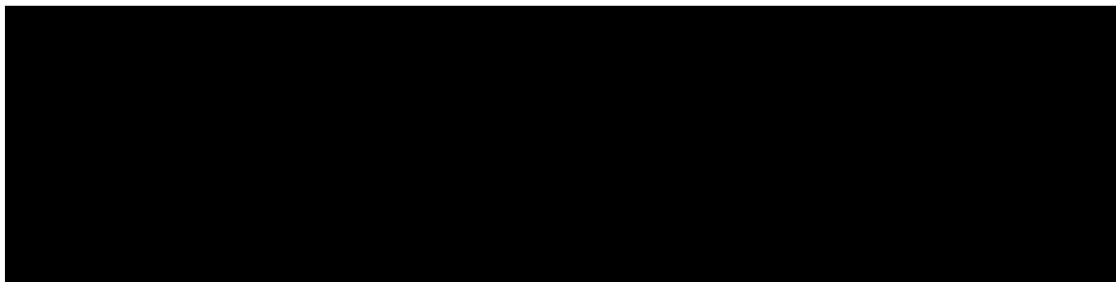
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